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so that we may heal the wounds of division in our nation inspire us to rise above the partisan in our policies and our candidates make us ever mindful that people are more important than politics give us wisdom and courage as we face the crushing problems of a troubled world help us we beg you help us for our need is indeed great we ask this in the name of your son amen thank you very much oh [Music] that wouldn't have been a welcome oh what do you hear this morning about uh how folks feel well well i haven't heard a thing bill just uh met with the boys here and i'm trying to get some information on the uh on the platform which i haven't had an opportunity to get into yet you are going to meet this morning with the idaho delegation yes uh-huh perhaps we'll learn a little more about how they feel towards ronald reagan i don't know they probably the same thing they answer questions and ask them and i answer them all right [Music] governor reagan's arrival in the hall

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governor reagan's arrival in the hall walter dosed out the last time yes the last time a candidate for our nomination came to the hall of the convention and uh i think uh probably the first time in modern history that any had so it's uh this is only the second time was with estes kiefer came to the democratic convention in 1952 he took his 81 year old father to the convention he set off a 25-minute demonstration for himself by so doing he expressed alarm and surprise when this all happened he actually wasn't on the floor of the convention either he was up in the stands with his father but uh oddly enough his supporters were seen passing out some red and yellow noise makers just before he did appear on the convention floor uh in the convention hall and now reagan appears now he's got a kind of a technical out he keeps maintaining he is not a candidate for the nomination until he is placed in nomination uh on the floor on wednesday night so he'll be here as a delegate and a privilege to take part in the convention mike pappas is with maryland's governor spiro agnew on the floor ike governor agnew have you been in touch or has governor rockefeller or governor regan been in touch with you directly on on the situation what your forces and uh rockefellers and regan so far how has that gone uh the word is that you will declare uh this evening uh that you will uh release your delegation and and you yourself will back nixon is that true well i'm considering releasing my

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well i'm considering releasing my delegation this evening i've made no final decision on it yet but as i've said for the last two days it's no secret that i'm leaning toward mr nixon this could be changed i very well may have meetings today that may change that but i can't tell you anymore right now though governor does it appear to you that if things keep going the same way they are you will in fact release this delegation tonight

to richard nixon if there's no major change anywhere along well now i don't want to go that far even because i don't know what you characterize as a major change it may be the impact of something other than a conference with one of the candidates that could change my mind and so what i'm basically saying to you is until i make that step my mind is subject to being revived what are some of the factors involved in that sir what are you considering what would change your mind just about everything you can think of the the impact of the general information that flows at a political convention uh certainly the conversations i have with other people who are involved heavily in this convention as other delegation leaders and that sort of thing but i can't itemize these things very difficult to do that some of it's what you may say uh subconscious knowledge the visceral reaction hunches that come to you in these situations and each one of us who's in politics relies pretty heavily on these things would you say at this point that you are perhaps seventy percent uh going toward nixon this evening or thirty fifty or what percent i i wouldn't want to say any percentages because uh if i set a percentage and it changed i'd be leading it down the trail and i don't want to do how about the rest of your delegation if you release them how would they go i can't tell you that either they're subject to change and import tuning as much as i am have you had much info tuning or arm twisting going on since you arrived here no not really i've had some attempts at persuasion naturally this is a political convention thank god it is and it's not a

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thank god it is and it's not a coronation such as we had in 1964. who's doing the most persuading governor everybody i haven't seen any lack of activity for any of the principal candidates even for reagan have they been around to see you there people well they've been in touch with us yet but one final question uh would you tell me what you think of this possible nixon president rockefeller vice president ticket which is mentioned in the new york times today nixon's supposed to be thinking along these lines yes well i think uh either way that went those two names at the top of our ticket that way or reversed would be a very strong ticket what would you think of a nixon agnew ticket i don't think it's in the cards to be perfectly frank with you my state's a small state i would hope that whoever is nominated will go to the most strength he can find because i want a winner in november above any personal ambition and i certainly have none in this respect you see this convention going beyond the first ballot right now it's hard to say right now i think there's a chance it may go on the first ballot but uh by tonight that may be different things are moving very quickly governor is it your estimation that if you do release your delegation that uh that would just about nail it down for mr nixon you see it that way i don't know enough about it to make that judgment you haven't had any uh any of your own people counting delegates no we don't try to count them because i think delegates are as i indicated before moving around at this point and the counts are strictly wishful thinking for a candidate that's making the count thank you very much governor spiro agnew of maryland now making his way into the convention hall now back to walter cronkite governor agnew's story may be the story of this thank you very much governor spiro agnew of maryland now making his way into the convention hall now back to walter cronkite governor agnew's story may be the story

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governor agnew's story may be the story of this convention the story of the renomination or the nomination of former vice president nixon agnew was out in the vanguard of rockefeller supporters the first organizer of a draft rockefeller organization way back almost a year ago now it seems to me and led all the way even while rockefeller said he didn't want it and finally was apparently uh quite disenchanted by nelson rockefeller when the governor didn't give him the courtesy of telling him he was going to drop out of the race for that march 21st announcement and left him out somewhat hanging on a limb here at the convention hall mayor jay dermer of miami beach is welcoming these delegates and is uh extending an invitation to meet back here in 1972 as a matter of fact miami beach and governor kirk are are suggesting that miami beach might turn out to be a permanent meeting place for political conventions not a very likely possibility since the site of political conventions is frequently a part of the politics of a convention and election year bill stout is on the floor of the convention hall with ivy baker priest who's going to nominate governor reagan phil walter mrs priest who of course is the former treasurer of the united states and now holds a comparable post in california believes

she's the first woman ever to enter a presidential candidate's name and denomination is that right well it's my understanding i don't uh i couldn't say for sure however because i don't know have you written your speech oh i've been working on it ever since governor reagan asked me if i would place his name and nomination how long ago did he ask you well he asked me about a week ago kept it a secret for six days well yes so much oh yes women can keep secrets but i was so busy working on it and wanted it to be just right and because i definitely want to be able to present our governor and present his

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present our governor and present his fine qualities and his his leadership ability his courage his vision and the the qualifications that are so necessary in our president today and because we want to give you the next president of the united states since you feel as you do mrs priest how do you feel about all the talk around the convention floor from the nixon people and others that mr nixon has it pretty well locked on the first ballot well i don't agree with that i i think there may be a good bit of weighing back and forth and uh there's quite a few delegates who have not definitely made up their minds yet no i don't think it's sewed up have you run into uh many delegates who have indicated the favorable leaning toward governor rick oh yes and not only delegates i find but delegates which is most important here uh they're they're very cognizant of the fact that governor reagan who can really bring all these faces in the whole cross section of the party together and he not only can hold a solid republican vote throughout the country but he can attract some 15 or 20 percent of the independent and democrat vote which is so necessary to win and this is going to make quite a difference in their thinking because he is a proven winner you know but are they moving now from what you've seen from talking to various delegates i find that they're very very much in favor of governor reagan they realize that he can not only uh carry win an election but he has his qualities of leadership and vision and courage that we need so desperately as our chief executive well we'll all be have confidence his sincerity comes through thank you very much we'll i'll be waiting then walter to see mrs priest uh step up to the rostrum and put ronald reagan's name into nomination and certainly there's no problem of name identification with this lady if you want to remember it all you have to do is look in your wallet at a few dollar bills she signed all of them for

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dollar bills she signed all of them for several years in this country walter yes she was a us treasurer under uh president eisenhower and now she's a state treasurer of california not signing any money as far as we know out there yet but presumably a lot of bills she was elected on the 1966 slate with governor reagan we've heard here on the podium the introductory uh welcome by congressman burke of florida and the mayor of miami beach we're shortly going to hear from governor kirk who will welcome these delegates congressman william cramer is now also going to welcome them the two republican congressmen from florida appearing on the roster the reaction to the party platform least likely to have any effect on these 1333 delegates has now been received here in miami beach it's the reaction of toss the official soviet news agency and if anybody cares toss says that the platform isn't a very good one it doesn't think it proposes no concrete measures for remedying these ills of american society according to tas here is a presentation of a gavel to chairman ray bliss thank you very much i'll be proud to use this symbol of authority which is also the symbol of the great state of florida in which state we hold this convention this is a mark a great of a great industry there's as much in evidence in this hall here today thank you gavel is of orangewood which led to those remarks from that's the chairman you want to show him again he wants to show it here mr chairman may i have the privilege to be the first

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may i have the privilege to be the first to use it but that is not governor kirk uh this is od huff chairman of the florida citrus commission mr chairman fellow delegates fellow americans it's indeed a happy day for all of us as floridians to welcome you to the first convention of any party in america in the great state of florida but i can assure you it will not be the last cody huff was the gentleman who presented that gavel just before you

saw ray bliss pick it up this is a congressman william cramer of florida we also mentioned to you a moment ago and mr chairman it is my sincere hope and the hope of all floridians i am sure that with the sunny skies and the balmy breezes and the friendly atmosphere of florida and the good fellowship of this convention will give us the drive and the determination and the spirit to bring victory in 1968 victory for the american people victory for all the people victory for individual freedom victory for a sound dollar victory for peace at home and abroad and yes i mean on the streets of america as well yeah yes and i hope out of this convention out of this convention will become will come the unity of spirit the unity of purpose to assure this victory for all the people of america i say to you it's time for a change in washington and i guess i know i've been there 14

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and i guess i know i've been there 14 years so ladies and gentlemen it's also my privilege at this time having joined in the welcome of all the delegates and those present to the great state of florida as chairman of the whole back to uh bill stout on the floor he's with former senator bill nolan of california and how many he's gone to he went to the first one with his father joseph nolan publisher of the oakland tribune in 1920. he's been a delegate to republican convention since 32. how does this one compare with the others sir well they all have a certain uh sameness about them but each one actually is different and of course the personalities are different in each convention some are more or less cut and dried and some turn out to be very exciting what do you think about this one cut and dried for mr nixon no i don't think actually it's in the bag as of uh this opening day of the convention i think mr nixon is undoubtedly the leading contender and should have upwards of 550 delegates i would think but it somewhat depends on what becomes of the big blocks of votes that are now tied to favorite sun itself ohio is a key state i think now bill bill stouts i'm sorry to interrupt you and uh senator nolan but uh governor claude kirk of florida has just come bounding on to the rostrum and really bounding and there he is here we go got my 100 speech right here my fellow americans ladies and gentlemen of the convention the republican national convention the state of florida bid you welcome of course mrs kirk erica is not with us and she extends her apologies we're very busy right now awaiting the arrival of the favorite son or daughter in palm beach in any case in

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daughter in palm beach in any case in this historic moment because we are assembled here to nominate the man in miami beach who is destined to be the next president of the united states [Applause] but we here in florida are not kidding ourselves we know that you did not choose florida only because of our sunny skies or beautiful hotel facilities or the incomparable beaches we know that in choosing florida you have flung down a gauntlet you have said that the corrupt century-long one-party rule of the south is ended forever by being here in florida you have sent the message loud and clear to every citizen of the south and that message is stop being taken for granted turn away from the fading party of the past and turn to the republican party the party of the future [Applause] you know this city we are in is a symbol of the new south because it is a city with its eyes trained on the future here is a city destined to become the supersonic jetport of the western hemisphere this state we are in is a symbol of the new south our six million floridians make up the eighth state in the union our population mirrors the nation and we come here by choice to live the good life and to build an exciting future you know this new south says to the republican party we're tired of the old one party system

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we're tired of the old one party system the new part the new south says to the republican party we are fed up with the old demagogues with their racist appeals the new south says the republican party we've had it right up to here with a party that says one thing in the south and another thing in the north the republican party in the new south is proud of the new role we play in the political affairs of this nation under the surging leadership who believes in the republican the republican party who believes in the politics of success the new south challenges the republican party to come up with this new leadership that will listen to our voice come up with a new leadership that will reunite our nation my fellow delegates this convention will respond to

that challenge this convention will put the united back in the united states when we have chosen our candidate the new south will do its share and the new south will do more than its share to elect this man president of the united states this new south has fought and scratched and clawed its way back into the two-party system and mark my words we are not about to throw our new power down the drain of any feudal backward sure to lose candidacy of any third party now that we have finally found our voice we are not about to waste it hollering down some empty barrel by holding your convention in the capital of the new south we have sent this word forth all americans from every region welcome to the republican party and so i say republicans from every region welcome to the beautiful florida thank

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welcome to the beautiful florida thank you welcoming speeches by host governors are sometimes used as a political launching ramps for those governors governor ray bliss has announcements now chair recognized the secretary of the republican national committee i thought national committee woman from vermont mrs consuela and bailly i thought that uh ray bliss said he was having some trouble on the platform maybe i didn't pick up the whole quote he had a big smile so it wasn't very important governor kirk might have hoped to launch a national uh political image with his welcoming speech today it didn't seem to get a rousing reception from this audience here already this morning however governor adley stevenson back in 52 though put the final stamp on on his uh availability for the presidency by his welcoming speech in in the chicago convention of that year john hart is on the floor with bud wilkinson the new national committeeman from oklahoma and a staunch nixon backer i believe right john that's right walter wilkinson has long been a nixon supporter and he was just reelected as national committee man yesterday the caucus of the delegation there are 22 votes in this delegation and it shows roughly two to one for richard nixon mr wilkinson excuse me has there been any slippage in the delegation in the last day or two no i don't believe so now it's generally thought that the oklahoma delegation favors reagan as a secondary candidate either as vice president or possibly even as a compromised president should a deadlock occur would you agree to that well i would say that nixon has the overwhelming uh strength in the oklahoma delegation excuse me can we stand up but thank you

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excuse me can we stand up but thank you reagan is uh many people that uh certainly admire who would tend to support the governor i don't believe the rockefeller has much strength in oklahoma at all now you're the nixon operative in this delegation are you have any having any success at all with those seven reagan votes well we haven't uh had a caucus uh where anyone has expressed their preference these uh figures of 14 6 and one or whatever ratio closely related there too that have been bandied about our supposition in many many cases and i believe that many of those reagan people have not come to any firm decision as yet as to whether they actually will vote for the governor on the first ballot or whether they'll go for mr nixon on the first ballot do you expect a first ballot nomination for nixon uh i think that it would be a very possible thing uh it would probably come from his uh strength showing so visibly that some of the favorite sons began to release prior to the end of the first ballot which would then make it a first ballot victory but certainly i look for him to win on the second ballot when the favorite son delegations with only a few exceptions become uncommitted thank you very much mike wallace now has governor rhodes yes we're down here on the floor and there are a good number of reporters gathered around governor james rhodes of ohio who is said to hold the key to the nomination because his 58 delegate votes in ohio governor road i wonder if you could give us a little bit of a billion on where that ohio that very important ohio delegation is right now uh the high delegation caucus this morning at uh eight o'clock and it was a consensus pension it was unanimous with no negative votes whatsoever that the high delegation would remain uncommitted we came to the convention uncommitted

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we came to the convention uncommitted and also um we were uncommitted in february and right straight down and we're going to remain there and what's the point of your lack of commitment well uh the most important thing we're trying to be fair to all the candidates and we're going to see which way this is turning which way it's going to go you would agree that ohio could at this moment if they went to nixon certainly put him over i don't know i i hear so many figures from different people that i think it's almost impossible to set in judgment of the correct analysis of what is going on well there are three favorites on governors who are said to really hold the key agnew roads romney agnew we are heard what we are told is going to nixon probably this evening that seems fairly sure romney is going to hold you just talking to governor romney what were you talking about if i may ask he just told me that his compass was going to hold and i related to him our car's going to hold what it's a little difficult for some of us to understand just what it is that you're after is it nothing that we're after i mean i don't think it's unusual to be remain uncommitted at a nice convention i think this has happened before how many ballots would you imagine i do not know uh we'll probably have another caucus if you were to release your delegation at this moment would you give us a body count i i we have not evaluated or taken an inventory of the ohio delegation we just haven't and uh we're not at that place yet and we're taking this step by step well i suppose let me try again yes as you can see this is a very gentle a very difficult gentleman together i'm not like evasive [Music] what is perplexing about the whole situation is that we said that we were uncommitted all of the candidates for president and those who have not announced have been into ohio that we've been very gracious we've been very kind to all of them we're going to continue to do that we are not committed to any candidate and we have invited all of them to talk

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and we have invited all of them to talk to our delegation and no one could be more neutral than that what'd you talk to ronald reagan about yesterday ronald ronald reagan i had breakfast with ronald reagan and talked approximately uh an r we discussed some fiscal problems in california and also ohio and related problems and there was not one word concerning his candidacy all right is he presidential material does he have the capacity in your job well let me uh say this i have watched and observed ronald reagan on television and in meetings and ronald reagan has an abundance of administrative ability and i think that when you want economy i think many people are opposed to that and i think uh we somewhere someplace the governor must stand between the tax spenders and the taxpayers and i think he's taken that position in california well now you say that he's been a pretty good governor i think he's been an extra governor but yeah i'm talking about presidential capacity i think yes he is uh would be a good president ronald reagan would be the president ronald reagan would be a good president and obviously you feel that same way about nelson rockefeller i feel that way about nelson rockefeller also richard nixon and i uh if mr stash comes for the group i could say also for mrs task what about jim rhodes jim rhodes is not a candidate well i know he's not a candidate but his presidential or vice presidential capacity not a candidate so i cannot make it announce on my qualifications until i seek something and i am not seeking that position you seem to be having a very satisfactory time here in miami beach excellent i think the ohio higher group they want to remain this way and there's nothing i can do just let them uh they'll have other caucuses and uh they will be uh saying uh what they want to do between now and governor thank you very much thank you mike walter

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walter governor rhodes of ohio a key man in this convention with mike wallace we saw in the background and see right in the center of our picture now governor raymond schaefer of pennsylvania he was escorting governor romney of michigan down the aisle behind governor rhodes schaffer is a strong rockefeller supporter romney also holds one of those favorite son delegations that could be a key to this nomination on the floor consuela bailey the secretary of the national committee is introducing the temporary officers and calling for their election there have been no problems so far and none were expected in electing the temporary officers who are selected by the national committee and preside until the permanent officers are installed probably tomorrow senator edward brooke of massachusetts the first negro to serve in the united states senate since reconstruction is to be the temporary chairman and when the eyes were called for in confirming his election there were a few nays heard in the hall the chair now recognizes the delegate and

national committee woman for texas mrs tobin armstrong this is ray bliss the national committee chairman who presides until edward brooke takes over as temporary chairman then brook presides for about 24 hours into the session tomorrow at which time the committee recommends the election of a permanent chairman and that will be gerald ford michigan he will be nominated presumably without a fight there have been fights in the past in the election even of a temporary chairman sometimes the temporary chairman presides over a fight himself and becomes a very important officer and the democratic convention i think is 52 for two days they were delayed and

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for two days they were delayed and getting to the permanent officers the temporary chairman presided over the long fight and at the republican convention of that year the whole credentials fight that determined finally that senator tapp was going to lose the nomination to general eisenhower under the temporary procedures eric severide and roger mudd have some background on that important character with whom mike wallace was speaking just a moment ago the very popular governor of ohio james rhodes roger tell us about this man you know anybody that holds a key that large to a nomination as rhodes now seems to hold he not only is a much loved and pursued and wooed individual at these gatherings but he's got to turn that key at exactly the right moment or he can miss the boat on this thing uh to mix my metaphors which we'll be doing all week no doubt tell me about this man is he um do you think he wants to be vice president might come to that with iraq well it could the problem with the governor rhodes at least for nixon and rockefeller is to get his votes without getting him he has a reputation among governors and among republican politicians of being somewhat of a bull in a china shop he very blunt direct and is known in private meetings to have little regard for general political sensitivities so the pressure on him must be uh incredible particularly from rockefeller rockefeller himself said this morning that rhodes and ohio would constitute a major factor in his ability to stop nixon and move on into some sort of contest on the third or fourth ballot it was rhodes you remember in 1964 who buckled in san francisco under some extreme goldwater pressure much to the embarrassment of ray bliss who had assured uh party leaders that ohio would remain

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uh party leaders that ohio would remain uncommitted and i can assume just listening to mike wallace interview rhodes that rhodes is determined not to repeat the mistake he made in 1964. well i we've seen some gentlemen with the general uh force and size and decibel level of bulls here i wouldn't call these delegates in this convention a china shop exactly much more like a hardware store they're all pretty they're all pretty i've got a pretty solid carapace on them it was um the opening welcoming speech by governor kirk i thought it was one of the shortest if not necessarily the sweetest we've seen in these conventions last 20 years that he loves florida as he said but he obviously would just love to go to washington he loves kirk probably a little more than florida from what i can gather just having been here a week or so claude kirk is not popular among florida republicans anyone really built a party well from all from what i hear he had the opportunity to build it but privately the men who have been in the republican party in florida men like billy cramer and so forth uh think that kirk had this golden opportunity to establish republicanism in florida which which it ought to flourish in if any place but he just kicked the chance away that they say he wants to do everything himself wants to have all the jobs wants to run everything make all the decisions and now he's engaged in a war kirk is with the state chairman bill murphin they're snipping at each other and taking pot shots at each other so kirk as a state leader has become very suspect he's not a man who really cringes with modesty and self-doubt from observing him but uh i'm sure he must have written that speech himself i think only an office holder could have put so many cliches together it was awfully early in the morning to have our first flung

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first flung gauntlet don't you think of this for this floor yes that would uh would undoubtedly be mr some of mr kirk's verbiage i the thing uh surprised me since we've watched the opening it's just unbelievable that ray bliss could have stood up at 10 o'clock and i watched the red sweep hand on our big clock and exactly 10 o'clock that gavel came down and this convention started it's unbelievable that anybody could have done it the democrats certainly couldn't no they wouldn't do that something much more tidy in most convention years about republicans and about democrats i don't know why but they're just tidier people but let's get a thing like the gold effect this is certainly walter a proud moment for ray bliss after uh three years in office he's done wonders with the republican party he's known as a nuts and bolts man but i really don't think that's an adequate description he's done a lot more for the party than that and this is the moment he's been waiting for and they all i think sent some victory walter if he can bring in that big city vote he talks about so much on time on the election day as he brought in this convention on time he really will have made the contribution to the party he hopes to make it was uh extraordinary as you say roger to have that gavel fall on time and as you heard earlier this morning uh uh harry reisner down there at the podium and i were making bets on when the convention would start and we missed it by a very long time john mitchell the campaign manager for richard nixon said today as we have heard from the floor from rogers morton a little earlier his floor manager that instead of erosion of delegates as charged by governor rockefeller at his news conference the delegates to richard nixon are firming up more of that confidence that the nixon forces are expressing whether they really feel it or not and there's every indication they do they're going to get the propaganda message across joe betty is with governor raymond shaffer of pennsylvania rockefeller supporter on the floor joe walter governor shaver just finished

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walter governor shaver just finished what appeared to be a rather interesting conversation with george romney i think governor rhodes was in there of ohio uh governor claude kirk and uh yourself and uh what was what transpired governor agnew of maryland what transpired well what i was attempting to do was to confirm a few rumors and the confirmations came through namely that governor rhodes is going to remain firm as a favorite sun candidate and i think this is a bellwether of what is happening here that the delegates want to nominate a winning ticket and if the thing were all over i'm sure that governor rhodes and governor romney would not be remaining firm as favorite sons but they are and i think this is a good sign for governor rockefeller you've got one of the largest delegations here 64 votes that's right third largest the third largest are you going to hold for rockefeller well yes our delegation has uh indicated that they want to hear from all the candidates and so in the next couple of days we will be having caucuses in which uh the candidates or their representatives will come before us and then we will have a head count my estimate of our head count at the present time is that between 45 and 50 will be for governor rockefeller about eight or nine for richard nixon um perhaps two for governor reagan and the others still uncommitted in that assessment you made of your conversation with the other governors you left out governor agnew are you pretty sure he's going to come out for nixon today well there's a rumor to that effect he did not confirm it with me he did say that he was going to confer with governor rockefeller uh sometime today i think that that will make make his decision if i were going to make a guess i would say that he was going to release his delegation today but he did not say that to me but you're pretty sure that he will well if i were making a guess i would say so my uh it's very difficult to make any kind of predictions in 1968 yeah it's unfortunate that we have to keep relying on speculation and predictions but i realize do you think nixon has it

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but i realize do you think nixon has it on the first ballot i do not believe that he does i honestly feel that it's going to be a wide open affair that it'll go to third to the fifth ballot before a nominee is chosen and i think that uh nelson rockefeller's uh potent strength will come through on the third ballot what are your good offices with senator hugh scott do you think you can get them up here and talk about that platform yes i'll certainly ask him i heard from him today that he's very pleased with the platform results and that makes me feel good because we've got to have a meaningful document i'll get him right now hugh senator scott do you expect to have any conflict at all over the platform [Music] alan smith the chair ranking member of the house rules

committee we i told him we know no problem on the platform on the delegate on the platform whether anyone from the reagan forces will i don't know i have heard rumors that the platform be read if that happens a motion will be made i think to permit it to be summarized it's a very long platform uh senator scott there was speculation when the platform was the testimony was being taken last week particularly when governor reagan and mayor lindsay of new york spoke before the platform committee that that might lead to the real first fight here uh you've been to many conventions where is the fight going to come if there is any fight at all is it strictly going to be on the nominations for the presidency rather than any other side issues of a fight there may be some member of the some delegate here or a group of delegates who may want to go into further escalation or a

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to go into further escalation or a harder line or something like that but this platform represents the views of senator objection of general eisenhower the vietnam plank of nelson rockefeller under richard nixon and i would think that's a pretty good concern it is a fair plan it pleads for the americanization of the war it addresses itself strongly to the peace issue and we are very proud of being the party of peace and it makes that quite quite strong i i was prepared to oppose a platform which was either too devish or too hawkish this is this is a platform that represents more owl than either dove or hawk and i'm glad to see that well aside then from a few skirmishes you do not see any fight over the platform i do not uh republicans are free and independent people and anybody can make one if he wants to but we have really heard of no organized fight thank you very much senator scott senator hugh scott of pennsylvania one of the uh in fact the vice chairman of the platform committee and uh representing on that committee the interest of governor nelson rockefeller who has a very strong support in this pennsylvania delegation as governor schaffer pointed out the third largest here at the convention 64 votes and most of those now committed to nelson rockefeller and governor schaefer is a part of that strategy to hold the favorite sons uh romney and rhodes at least hold him back from that first ballot to deny richard nixon any victory on the first ballot we'll wait of course until the balloting begins to find out how well that strategy has worked joseph fenty from the convention floor back to you walter cronkite one of the republicans uh young governors who they have high hopes for is now addressing the convention governor norbert tiemann we might listen to just a moment of his address and then we'll be back here

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then we'll be back here the advertising manager has said the esso tiger must go well these people don't believe it they're here to show their support of the tiger there's even a large delegation representing the esso dealers wait a minute there's a spontaneous demonstration starting on the floor [Music] friends you know my platform you know that i stand for the extra power in esso extra gasoline then i stand for cleaner engines and i stand squarely behind that sign of happy motoring now i ask you this will you stand for an advertising manager in your tank tell them we'd like to see team this is walter cronkite back at our anchor booth high above convention hall in miami beach at this first session of the republican national convention mostly a welcoming session and getting a little housekeeping in order right now the convention hearing from governor norbert tiemann of nebraska one of the bright young governors from whom the republican party has a great deal of hope but who himself was defeated as a delegate to the convention and just so you're aware of the picture here at convention hall in miami there is a constant perhaps an incessant would be a better word flow of speakers to the platform this morning since ray bliss brought the convention to order just an hour ago it's about as orderly as a

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it's about as orderly as a five-year-old's birthday party it seems there have been something like 10 speakers though in all of that time mayor j dermer of miami beach made what must have been one of the least listened to political speeches in history the delegates down on the floor seem to have their own private conversations going on we here in television turn our cameras away from the speakers just as do the delegates here turn

their attention away from them you have to say that it's a pretty difficult and rude audience to have to try to speak to we all know that but that's the nature of political conventions it seems these speeches are while a great deal of thought has gone into them by the speakers pretty much pro forma governor tiemann is talking about uh agriculture and the farmer's plight and the things the republicans have done for him in the past and the things the democrats have failed to do for him and that's pretty expected at a republican convention as you look around the hall you yourself can see that the delegates themselves are paying very little attention to governor timon or have they paid much attention to the welcoming speeches it was thought that governor kirk because of his certain degree of flamboyance and his emergence on the political scene the fact that he took the state house of tallahassee for the republicans for the first time since reconstruction would get more attention on the floor this morning than he did he got to virtually none about as much as governor timon is getting modern the real work of this convention is going on of course in the various candidates headquarter hotels and on the floor of the convention by floor managers for the candidates who are seeking to line up those still uncommitted delegates and see if they can't proselytize move away a few of the delegates already committed to other candidates and uh in case you are at all confused a moment ago by the fact that they're talking about the

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fact that they're talking about the platform committee meeting this afternoon those meetings held all last week were sort of the ad hoc platform committee that actually drafts the platform now the formal platform committee appointed by the convention needs to put its stamp of approval it could open up the issues again but it is not likely to john hart and now is on the floor of the convention here i understand with charles percy john yes walter uh senator percy says he's just arrived here by boat from his hotel which is uh some distance away from the convention senator what vote do you think this convention is uh getting on at this point well i think we have a great convention underway and i think it's going to be a rockefeller nomination i'm going to work ceaselessly to try to bring that about no question he's an underdog now though well you have to say that of course that he's going to win has there been any slippage firm slippage over the weekend that you can count on i don't think so i think that well the count is still around 590 for richard nixon of 300 for rockefeller about 220 for reagan and 222 favorite son which was firmed up by ohio's decision now to stay with a favorite son james richards there is a great deal of talk in your own delegation from illinois in terms of a vice presidential preference and uh an awful lot of people seem to say they like lindsay how do you feel about that he's a great fellow he'd be a tremendous addition to any ticket what would you say he's proud of the job that he's doing and new york and he could be he certainly holds one of the greatest potentials in our party of any public office holder what would you say the dream ticket would be i would say uh if they weren't from the same state rockefeller and lindsay possibly but that's probably uh not a possible ticket but certainly i'm only working now for the nomination of the president i think you cross that bridge first and then you start thinking about the number two uh on the ticket next what name when someone says vice president to you

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when someone says vice president to you what name comes to your mind immediately well hubert humphrey and we're going to try to keep him out of speaking of the republican senator thank you very much walter on that uh delegate count which is the name of the game here at miami beach the associated press just came up with its new delegate count and it's dropping nixon down to 560 first bouted votes but the ap has been notably conservative in its estimate of delegate counts ours at cbs is considerably higher than that let me see what our very last figure was here it is 631 for a nixon 667 are needed so that's 36 short of the first ballot nomination as of this count rockefeller 244 reagan 154 undetermined 304 that means those who have not made up a decision yet not undetermined as far as our account goes but they tell us that they have not made a decision needed to win 667. we get these figures by actually contacting the delegates where there is any doubt about how they stand ap figures i said is nixon 566 quite a bit lower than almost any other estimate we've seen some other estimates made by independent news organizations have put nixon already over the top there was an interesting little estimate by governor roy nunn of kentucky just a short while ago after a kentucky caucus and he said that he thought that nixon would get at least 20 of the 24 delegate votes that

kentucky is entitled to here well if that is an actual figure out of kentucky it would indicate a slight erosion of nixon's strength in kentucky below the figure that we had at cbs our figure was 22 for nixon in kentucky whether that is an erosion or simply a conservative estimate by governor nunn we have no way of actually

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governor nunn we have no way of actually knowing at this point mike wallace back there on the floor with senator strom thurman walter that very erosion that you're talking about which is so important to the nixon people um can be stemmed hopefully they feel in the south by a man by the name of senator strom thurman they say that he is standing like the rock of gibraltar strom thurman conservative who we understand is determined to hold the line for nixon in the south he's over here with some of our friends from the writing press and i'm going to see if i can't get his attention for just a moment senator thurman you've been called the rock of gibraltar for richard nixon in the south and uh as strom thurman goes they say so will a good deal of the south go either to nixon or reagan yes i have announced myself for nixon and i am for richard nixon for president well now you're going to be placed in nomination yourself as a favorite son from south carolina yes that's correct the state convention uh directed that that be done and uh that will be done and then you will get up and give all of your south carolina on the well when the time comes to vote the the votes on the first ballot will go to nixon we hear all morning here in the convention hall that there is little by little erosion in the south from nixon to rhaegar but the south in its heart wants reagan and as john mitchell the campaign manager for nixon says they hope that the south will vote with its head how serious is this erosion well of course uh there's a divided opinion i guess between nixon and reagan but i feel that that uh nixon will stand for him and i feel that he will be nominated on the first ballot why is the south so anxious evidently if they have the opportunity to break away from nixon why is the south so anxious dakota reagan

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reagan well i made a statement a good while back when i came out for nixon as to my reasons and i set that out plainly and i stand by the same reasons and i think he's a well-qualified candidate and would make an excellent president no i'm talking about ronald reagan now why is the south why is there so much feeling in the south about ronald reagan is it because of the george wallace candidacy that has a good many southern politicians worried it would please me very much if uh governor reagan is selected for the second spot on the ticket i think he will strengthen the ticket very much throughout the entire nation that's not the south side the honorable number of people vote on an image it's all like the john kennedy image and i think he would run a verifying race from that standpoint and would help to take it with nixon a great deal if nixon at this time would say that he was going for ronald reagan for his vice president do you think that there's a good chance that he would simply sweep the delegates of the south well i i think you're asking something that's not going to happen because i don't believe that he's going to announce any particular choice prior to his own nomination there's no question about that the reagan admirers would be pleased very much and it probably would add some strength to him in the south there's a gentleman right over here in the north carolina delegation just two away from you by the name of james gardner congressman jim gardner and it seems that he has not really quite made up his mind which way he is going to go and i hear that from time to time strom thurman has uh tried to induce congressman gardner to stay with richard nixon what about it no i haven't talked with um jim gardner he's running for governors you know in north carolina yep and tried to induce them about that i made a speech for him some time ago in north carolina i'm scheduled to speak for them again sometime soon but i haven't tried to uh induce them to

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but i haven't tried to uh induce them to take in a particular position in fact they haven't had a chance to do anything but hardly shake hands with him at the convention uh one final question senator thurman how much in your estimation how much erosion from nixon to reagan has there been not in south carolina could have been a particular change in attitudes of those who came from the positions of here before they came here you mean this is all reagan propaganda that we hear that votes are beginning to slip from nixon to reagan in

the senate well of course i haven't had a chance to keep up with the details of all the members of all the delegations and that would be impossible to tell all right sir there may have been some shifts but but i haven't heard about it thank you let's see if we can't go uh next door to the north carolina delegation for just a moment and talk to congressman jim gardner and find out what uh if he is still here is jim gardner still here is congressman jim gardner still on the premises no water for the moment anyway he is uh he's left the north carolina carolina delegation the indication is out of the mississippi caucus this morning and i hear it in the arkansas the arkansas delegation as well that there is considerable not slippage yet but considerable doubt in the minds of a good many southern people about their uh loyalty to nixon particularly if it goes past one ballot and of course that is just exactly the slippage that the nixon people are working so hard to prevent joe betty is over there now with the clark reed who is the chairman of the mississippi delegation and perhaps he can fill us in on just what happened at that mississippi caucus this morning thank you very much mike uh clark reid is the chairman of the mississippi delegation and we're following up on the interview with strom thurman the senator thurman feels that the nixon forces can hold in the south you seem to feel that there may be some buckling there or at least the south holds the key to all of this uh would you spell out your reasoning uh well joe i'm inclined to agree with

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uh well joe i'm inclined to agree with the senator but uh governor reagan has addressed several of the delegations he addressed ours last night he made a magnificent performance as he's capable of and usually does he has a great deal of strength and delegation from the polls i've seen of our delegation the majority is for nixon and under unit rule we will go that way but things could change well when you say that the south holds the key here uh are you are you trying to say that if it doesn't go for nixon that it is going to be as a result of something that happens with the southern states well i don't of course we don't hold the only key i mean i mean it seems like we may hold a kill on the first ballot but uh nixon's awfully strong leadership nixon is awfully strong but more and more as i talk to some of the southern delegates and the heads of these delegations they keep saying we like nixon but in our hearts we like ronald reagan he's our second choice and we're very strong on that do you think that may come to the point where you'll be casting votes for ronald reagan for the presidency when you caucus uh what kind of a decision do you think you're going to be pushing to your delegates what what are you going to be asking them go for nixon or uh are you going to say stay wide open well at this point we have not visited with nixon yet we visited with reagan so they won't look them over they enjoy being reported and what kind of courting is going on a lot is it pressure recording no it's not very low pressure it's a very low pressure on the bottom candidates they've been uh more gracious but a great deal of it thank you i'm not trying to uh press you hard but do you think that ronald reagan will be picking up many southern votes that's the the key question i don't see much change at this time but he still has delegation to visit all

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delegation to visit all all right thank you very much clarkey chairman of the mississippi delegation who sees richard nixon holding strong in the south and the possibility of ronald reagan if it does get beyond that first ballot or the second ballot if his strength begins to eat away then of course he sees the southern delegates here the majority of them favoring ronald reagan back to walter cronkite in the booth the other source of reagan's potential strength is out in his western states he's now of course the governor of california but a native of iowa and one of those states where there are rumors that there is a lot of reagan strength and may switch over is in idaho and interestingly enough governor don samuelson of idaho is meeting with ronald reagan back in the reagan trailer behind the convention hall here right now according to cbs news correspondent dan rather who's keeping an eye on those trailers for us southern republicans are a key to the future of the republican party uh i think eric severide probably would agree with that uh instant analysis uh if this thing goes in the direction of reagan that is if mr nixon makes gestures in that in that direction in terms of vice presidency at least it'll indicate that the general tilt of this convention philosophically is uh i don't believe in the southern direction but in a right-wing direction it's a question here of which would give the greatest strength to nixon who's trying to go right down the center of the line and the platform reflects that central

position to make as broad a central highway as possible where would he pick up the greatest strength bit on the left with a percy for example or a bit on the right with a man like reagan and uh according to his opponents at any rate the former vice president mr nixon is saying to reagan delegates that they want him they can get him by voting

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they want him they can get him by voting for him indicating that he might throw the vp nomination open to this convention which seems rather doubtful to me it would not normally be the way that he would operate [Music] the south uh lots of people in the north like to write it off is a a very integral part of this country uh whether one agrees with the philosophy of some of the southerners or not if you take the south and at kentucky oklahoma you've got an overwhelming margin here that can make all the difference in the world president kennedy in 1960 had to go in that direction i thought he had to and picked johnson's vice president he got that margin of some maybe i think electoral votes have made all the difference probably would not have won against mr nixon without it [Music] i think walter that the numbers game that uh everybody's indulging in here is going to get a bit tiresome the next 48 hours before we get the day new month maybe about as tiresome as some of the polls have become and the further it goes on until some big delegation breaks i think i'm just getting a little more confused i don't know maybe your head's getting clearer is it i can't say that at all eric i would like to be able to make that claim but it's not true but this is going to be the the game that they're all playing here for the next 48 hours uh really into a wednesday evening or unless there's a big break in the meanwhile eric speaking about southern republicanism what's going to happen to it in this year with governor wallace coming on so strong with this third-party uh conservative bid i'd be a very poor profit on that uh welder um one has to try to think what would be the effect if mr nixon is nominated what would that do to the wallace vote it might especially if he has a man like reagan

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especially if he has a man like reagan as vp who's quite right-wing that might draw off enough from wallace possibly to give three or four of those southern states to humphrey whoever is going to be in the democratic side humphreys certainly mccarthy i don't think would do much in the south and i'm not at all clear i i think this confuses and sets back the general two-party movement in the south that we've seen developing the last 15 years or so considerably wallace i think uh we can't in projection really cope with very seriously yet that's going to take a time i think he's going to have a convention isn't that correct uh yeah so he's having him state by state for the moment you know he just got the endorsement surprisingly enough of his own party out in california and then he's going to have he says the national convention which is going to be a big family party on the floor of the convention eric mrs helene morris the national committee woman from florida a moment ago introduced mrs gladys o'donnell the president of the national federation of republican women she spoke congressman daniel button of new york is now introducing the american legion speaker and i think we probably want to go back and hear at least part of the young american legion order speech but right now ike pappas is out at the delegate entrance with a kind of surprise guest here at the republican convention you want to introduce her ike earl mester walter pearl mester who has been known for so many many years as the hostess with the mostess and the former ambassador to luxembourg and now a visitor here to the republican convention but a rather um strange visit is it not you are a democrat are you not i'm a very strong democrat and i'm down here just to observe and see what you're going to do well what do you think will happen well it looks like nixon's going to be nominated but who's going to be the vice president that's very important and uh you would like uh to see uh who is the vice president well of course

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who is the vice president well of course i'd like to see hatfield's vice president senator hatfield from oregon and uh as the presidential uh nominee who had no i'm sorry who would you like to see as the presidential nominee well you mean the easiest to beat yeah well i don't know about that well i'd say nixon you say you're down here as an observer uh what actually are you observing well i'm just starting to observe i'm going over

to convention hall right now and i'll be here at every session i'm not attending any social affairs just the sessions are you reporting to anyone well what would you think i would think you would be yes you think right and i wonder who that person might be you're wearing hubert humphrey uh glasses see the hhhs h around the rim and a hubert humphrey button it couldn't be mr humphrey that you'd be reporting to you guessed right thank you very much uh crowmaster and there's the entrance way to the convention floor and thank you very much walter pearl mester who is a democrat but as you see is now going into the republican convention right ike and now they've just introduced here at the convention john jay kangalos 18 year old of albany new york winner of the american legions national high school oratorical contest and let's listen to a few words from this champion boy oranger and questions of both the foreign and domestic nature will be raised and answered the question of vietnam so often raised in the past will be answered in november a judgment will be made on a war the official purpose of which is defense of an ally against communist aggression but whose prosecution has resulted in thousands of deaths both military and civilian with millions seeking justification a judgment will be made on an america which seeks to aid those in need with her vast wealth but finds herself standing alone in

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but finds herself standing alone in times of crisis and peril a judgment will be made on an america which seeks peaceful coexistence with the soviet union but which cannot renege on its commitment to its allies in the middle east and throughout the world and a judgment will be made on the extent to which formerly unilateral actions will become multilateral projects at home the people will consider the problems of the negro in the ghetto and alternatives to that existence the erosion of respect for law and order has stirred considerable controversy and demands a solution special consideration will be given to the role students on college campuses have played in the past and how if at all it will be altered in the future these are the problems which we set america in 1968 making it a year of special importance to our country and it could be equally significant for the republican party depending upon how these programs and problems are faced for these are the issues which the republican party must face at this convention affecting the future of our nation and your answers must be straightforward and realistic if you desire a role in the shaping of that future that's john kangalos the 18 year old albany new york boy who won the american legion's national high school oratorical contest and as with tradition is addressing the republican national convention although the delegates aren't paying him the attention and respect that perhaps his championship deserves principally ray bliss just a moment ago told the delegates if you don't didn't have seats to sit in you'd be complaining so sit in them but his warning isn't doing very much good bill stout's on the floor with new york mayor john lindsay bill mayor lindsay you were saying about the

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mayor lindsay you were saying about the one by one operation of chipping away delegates do you think that's working in the support of governor rockefeller it is i think it's working the strength that mr nixon had i think is softening a little bit there's some movement towards the governor do you think it's enough to keep him going this late in the game well what's needed is enough to uh to get through a first ballot that's the first step how do you feel about that i think it i think it's going to happen i think we're going to hold us to a first ballot deal do you think that on the second ballot you're going to get a bigger vote if he gets through the first ballot then we'll take up the second ballot that's the next big big hurdle but the first one's the toughest there's been a lot of talk to the effect that the reports of nixon's losing votes slippage as the convention cliche has become uh are really not true that this is so much propaganda from rockefeller people and reagan people do you believe that i think there is slippage substantial i don't know how substantial i'm not keeping a delegate count i'm not equipped to do that but uh but it i've seen enough myself to indicate that there is there is enough movement towards rockefeller to hold this on the first power are they still talking to you about a second place on someone's ticket no no one has brought it up no no we'll wait and see about that wednesday i'd rather not bring it up that's good walter this has got to be one of the one of the hardest audiences for anybody to address and this young boy orator must be finding that out right now the aisles are clogged with delegates uh in conference uh one with the other and uh with floor managers for the various

candidates the delegates who are in their seats are carrying on conversations with each other or reading or doing something else perhaps counting delegates uh incidentally the acoustics in the hall which had been some a matter of some concern a little earlier on are apparently all right our floor people report that the speaker from the

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report that the speaker from the platform can be heard well in these corners if indeed the neighbors will just shut up long enough for them to be heard john hart on the floor of the convention hall with the vice presidential candidate of this party in 1964 he ran with barry goldwater he's now a rockefeller worker bill miller come in john bill miller was just telling me walter this is his sixth convention for the republican party mr miller uh i suppose the conventions that we would want you to compare most with uh would be the last one what comparisons come immediately to your mind well in the first place the last convention was not an open convention uh it was for foreclosed before the convention ever started senator goldwater had the votes for nomination on the first ballot i don't think that's true this time i think that uh i think that this is in uh in fact an open convention uh i don't think that mr nixon has sufficient votes to be nominated on the first ballot nor does anyone else and i suspect that this convention will go four or five ballots so that that's a difference in addition to which i think that never has there been such a prevailing move among the delegates to be sure they have a winner this time they've lost a lot of elections they want to win i think they realize that as a minority party we can't afford the luxury of this unity i think that they all have their respective preferences but i think they're all dedicated to the general proposition when this convention ends we're going to unite behind whoever is selected here at miami and that we're going to work together for a republican victory now you're here as a delegate but you're here obviously too as a as a rockefeller operative can you count any converts over the weekend yes i think we're picking up strength all the time i think we have more votes right at this minute than we had two days ago well

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minute than we had two days ago well let's play the numbers game since everyone is i don't want to play the numbers game but i think we're going to have 380 or 400 votes on the first ballot i think we'll maintain that position for two ballots then i think the nixon strength will start to erode then i think that governor reagan will pick up some of the nixon strength from the south but for every vote they pick up in the south we should pick up 20 or 25 of the north and i think on the third ballot we'll be leading and if we're not nominated on a fair ballot we will be you won't be on the phone yeah you will be on the board does it doesn't mr reagan then become a threat to you at the fourth ballot oh i don't think so he might move in the second position but i think we'll have the vote he's acceptable to you on the second position i'm talking about the vice presidency is he acceptable to you well i haven't talked to the governor about this i'm sure the governor has made any firm decisions in this area started out very far behind i think he's concentrated all of his efforts on trying to secure the nomination for himself i don't rule out such a possibility i don't think they would be incompatible i think their areas of agreement are far broader and greater than there is a disagreement john that uh background singing you perhaps heard as john hart interviewed bill miller was being provided by tony martin who is singing to the convention at this point his selection for a first number a moment ago was particularly apropos as he sang to the delegates of the convention it could have been the theme song for any one of the candidates hopefuls for the presidency it went i can be happy i can be sad it all depends on you i could be king i could be any old thing

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king i could be any old thing if it all depends on you most of them here will turn out to be any old thing there will be one king cbs news color coverage of campaign 68 will continue in a moment after this pause for station identification this is cbs yes this is a scene of us from the republican national convention in convention hall miami beach one of our floor cameras picking up the south side of the convention hall over which hangs our anchor booth which we look down a couple of uh square feet or so on these

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uh square feet or so on these delegates to this 29th annual conclave of the republican party a meeting which on wednesday night will decide who will be the party's standard bearer in the 1968 presidential election it also will decide the platform on which that candidate is expected to stand although sometimes there are a few divergencies between the candidate and the platform itself as we all know someone once said that platforms are like railway vestibules there to get in on not to stand on and the party also here at this convention will select uh its permanent uh committee and permanent officers for the next four years tony bennett has just been singing to the convention and had more attention from the delegates than the speakers have had so far in this opening session here is ray bliss jackson delegate national committee woman for rhode island mr jackson out there mr chairman i offer the following resolution and move its adoption resolved that a committee on credentials consisting of one man delegate and one woman delegate from each state the district of columbia puerto rico and the virgin islands be appointed and that the person selected by the various delegations whose names are filed with the secretary of this convention shall constitute that committee you've heard the resolution is there a second resolution julie second all in favor will say aye contrary the eyes have it the resolution stands adopted this is part of the form of the opening session the appointment of the

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session the appointment of the committees on credentials the permanent organization rules order of business and resolutions which is the platform committee there will be a series of motions as you just heard and as you are hearing the background now another these will pass without any objection as expected this morning no indication of any fight over any of these uh formal organization matters harold stassen you know is the third declared candidate actually for the nomination of his party again in the 20th year he first sought the nomination of the party for the presidency in 1948 when his star was really on the ascendancy and he fought hard for it he lost a primary in oregon and a debate with tom dewey and he really has never recovered from that experience his political star has been on the descendancy ever since now he is a candidate again for the presidency and does not have as far as we know any delegates pledged to him and may not even find anybody to put his name in nomination but he says this morning at the fontainebleau hotel to newsmen that he expects to win the nomination on the seventh ballot he was a boy wonder 20 years ago today a 60 year old uh still trying to get his party's highest honor joe benny is on the floor of the convention hall here with uh now with hawaii's senator hiram fong come in joe thank you very much walter senator fung is one of the definite men whose names will be placed in nomination uh senator what what is the procedure you follow at these conventions going into nomination well uh one of my the members of my delegation will nominate me and at that time there will be a demonstration and we are prepared for that demonstration then i'll have two seconding speeches the person who will nominate me will be ed johnston who will be chairman of my party and he is a caucasian by descent my second will be by miss patrick psyche an

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will be by miss patrick psyche an american citizen of japanese ancestry and then my second second will be by mrs leigh johnson and she is a person american citizen of hawaiian chinese ancestry so we'll have a cosmopolitan group in this picture what is the purpose of your uh having your name placed in nomination again this year is it to show the uh the the the background of hawaii the many racial strains well we want to focus attention on the pacific and especially on hawaii we think that we have something to show the world and that the racial harmony that exists in hawaii is an explorable product and we feel that uh by doing this that uh the people will know what we're doing out in the 50th state undoubtedly you must be the object of criticism from those who say well you're just taking up the conventions time what what do you gain by doing well this is part of the american process and uh it add a light moment to the occasion and i think that we shouldn't be too serious about things you think this is going to be a serious convention senator i think it's going to be a it is a serious convention but i think that we're only going to have one vote and i think that uh nixon's candidacy is almost is assured i can't see how he can lose you uh have had pressure i know put on

your delegation by forces for reagan and rockefeller have they made any inroads at all i don't think they have made any inroads from the outset i had anticipated that probably nixon would get 10 to 12 or 14 delegates and i still have same opinion but regardless of what happens senator hiram fung is going to be placed in nomination for the presidency once again yes my delegation has voted unanimously to do that and then uh when will you be out of the running i'll be out of running after all the states have been called and then at that time i'll change my vote and have my delegates delegation be uncommitted and at that time they can cast their vote for whomever they wish and you think the majority will go to nixon yeah the majority will go for next have you seen any uh any split at all in

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have you seen any uh any split at all in the strategy of richard nixon there's now talk that he has lost some of the high numbers that they've been talking about his campaign no i don't think that he had been eroded too much i think that he has sufficient votes to go through in the first ballot and you see just the first ballot yes thank you very much senator hyrun fong of hawaii who will run once again for one ballot for the candidacy of the presidency of the united states here at the republican nominating convention apparently it has become a habit for senator fung and if he remains in the senate you can expect to see him nominated at each and every republican convention that follows joseph benti from the convention floor i suppose we can probably say can't we joe that uh the word for the 1968 republican convention is eroded erosion eroded we're hearing more of that one word than almost any other here at the convention so far and perhaps that that is the key word as nixon tries to hold on to that number of delegates which he thinks can put him across on the first go round we are now hearing at the convention in this first session on the opening day of the republican national convention young jack mcdonald jack mcdonald is talking harry ray bliss is uh sure knocking off this convention in snappy order isn't he i think i at least i ought to apologize walter for that ridiculous guess about when they were going to start that's the way they used to do it i don't know how much credit is due to ray bliss's organization and how much it do to george murphy he's the man who was cracking the whip and at about five minutes of 10 he started trying to establish what the exact network time was because he wanted to start straight up so he finally decided to rely on my watch so if he was exactly on time my watch is right today but he not only started it on time he's i remember that watch harry

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i remember that watch harry it won't go into that inside joke uh you know i started it on time but i think what's probably even harder he's kept the people that are on the program for the allotted time we've we had a list of anticipated times and at 11 35 they expected to get into the announcement of time and place of committee meetings that's what they did two minutes ago at 11 35 and now uh jack mcdonald was supposed to begin talking at 11 39 they're actually running about a minute early now this i've only been to a convention since 1960 but this is absolutely unprecedented in my experience gary this is a very personal young man i don't think people get elected in politics and certainly the politics of the young republicans is as intense perhaps more intense than the senior republicans themselves zach mcdonald didn't get elected without a great deal of personality he's got it he's worked very hard on a speech he's making right now there's virtually nobody out there listening to it we of the television people aren't paying the attention perhaps we should because we're like the delegates out here we've got this other business which is really seems to prevail at the moment what do these people say when they turn away from that lectern and they nobody's been listening they uh they smile and walk straight right back right back into that entry room i think it's what they expect i think what they're looking for is the memento they have in future years if they were on national television if they did address a crowd of ten thousand people i don't um they're realist i don't think they expect anybody to listen to them it's like every little honor that comes up the people who nominate who make the motion for creations of committees it's something that they'll have in their scrapbook forever and the fact that nobody paid any attention at the time doesn't bother them [Music] they picked the speakers for all sorts of uh good political reasons and then the exposure doesn't seem to really amount to the hill of beans when it happens the

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the hill of beans when it happens the young people coming up they're trying to give exposure to people who are in trouble in their home states who they want to give a chance to to get an extra little bit of prestige in for that coming campaign all these things and yep there it happens we had a call from nebraska a couple of people who wanted to you know wonder why norbert tiemann wasn't heard more the governor of nebraska a popular figure out there but he wasn't well they stand um one of the things that they do i think is take people log of the television time they got and take pictures of them on television for use later on there is a an area right across from me here where they have four television sets and a man who's watching every minute to see what each of the three networks is doing and somewhere out there i think they're snapping still photographs for instance of governor tiemann or of a congressman who's in trouble and these are the things will be used in the next few months all right harry thank you the republican national convention the 29th in the history of the grand old party is underway miami beach florida some portion of the 1333 delegates who are important in mass and as individuals really when they get ready to vote for the presidential candidate and the platform of their party are here for the opening session which as you've heard now with some amazement from roger mudd and harry reisner and from me started on time this first session right precisely at 10 a.m this morning and now jack mcdonald has finished his speech the head of the young republicans bill stout is with the governor of nevada paul axoloth bill right walter and governor laxalt is one of those who has been mentioned as giving a seconding speech for ronald reagan when his name is entered at the nomination wednesday night is that definite sir have you prepared your talk no i haven't prepared it just yet bill but uh governor reagan asked me to second his nomination

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second his nomination and i've agreed to do that you know who else will be on the second no i don't as i understand it it's good to see you there as yet i understand that most of the other sectors are undecided will you vote for him too i'll vote for him certainly on the first dollar how many people in nevada do you think will go for reagan i don't know uh we have came here as an uncommitted delegation we caucused yesterday and we've decided not to poll the delegation until tomorrow or wednesday morning i advised him of the commitment that i've made to deliver the seconding speech and that's been introduced as a factor in their consideration although i didn't try to bind them as such how does it feel to you and going around and talking to delegates yours and others i have a feeling of shifting sand frankly bill last night i had occasion to uh talk to several of the delegates and several leaders and the pattern was almost all the same they think but they'll stop phil yes i'm sorry spell stout i'm sorry i'd interrupt you but guess who's gotten the biggest hand at the convention so far none of the political uh speakers but john wayne the actor mr green beret himself and there he is before the republican convention fellow wouldn't want more than that said over him if they're about to bury him which i hope will be hard to do to me took me a long time to decide to stand up here political convention because i'm about as political as a bengal tiger and i thought i'd tell you folks that when i came out here that i was uh an actor not a politician but i read some of the reviews that some of my left-wing friends wrote about my last effort and there's some doubt about that but

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i'm here because i think this is the party that cares good old american expression i think this is the party that gives a damn i think from out of here we can get a congress that will accept its responsibilities and its duties not brush off all decision to the executive and then just sit back and whine when that executive or the judicial branch takes more power than they deserve or entitled to i have a feeling that a nation is more than just government laws and rules it's an attitude it's a people's outlook dean martin once asked me to what i wanted for my baby daughter and i realized now that my answer was a kind of a attitude toward my country well he asked me this on election day and the bars were closed anyway so he had a lot of time to listen and i told him he asked me to repeat it on his program which i did i've been asked to repeat it here i told him that i wanted for my daughter marisa what most parents want for their children i wanted to stick around long enough to see that she got a good start i'd like to have her know some of the values that we knew as kids some of the values that an articulate few now

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an articulate few now are saying are old-fashioned but most of all i want her to be grateful as i am grateful for every day of my life that i spend in the united states of america i know this may sound corny but the first thing she's going to learn from me is the lord's prayer some of the sounds i don't care whether she ever memorizes the gettysburg address or not but i want her to understand it and since [Applause] very few little girls are to defend their countries you'll probably never have to raise their hand to that oath but i want her to respect all who do i guess that's what i want from my girl that's what i want from my country and that's what i want for the men that you people are going to pick from here to go shape our destinies thank you very much [Applause] well john wayne the actor got the best and the biggest hand of anybody in this opening session of the republican national convention his talk was billed as inspirational readings they were reading straight from john wayne but apparently to these

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wayne but apparently to these republicans gathered here were inspirational his sideburns i might know it are the longest seen so far in the republican convention they're usually considered a hallmark of something of a democratic attribute in some circles that he certainly seemed to electrify this audience for the first time on this monday morning opening day of the republican national convention and we're going to hear from eric severide in just a moment cbs news color coverage of campaign 68 the republican national convention in miami beach will continue in a moment breakfast without orange juice is like a day without sunshine hello i'm anita bryant and you know that's right breakfast without orange juice is like a day without sunshine would you like to put a little sunshine in your day put a big picture full of fresh frozen orange juice from florida on your family breakfast table that's what i do nothing beats 100 pure orange juice from florida for taste you know something a little six ounce can holds the juice of seven big oranges and makes a whole picture full of energy that gets you going and keeps you going come to the florida sunshine tree fresh frozen orange juice naturally orange juice with natural vitamin c at the florida sunshine tree the floral sunshine breakfast without orange juice is like a day without sunshine republican national convention the 29th meeting of the gop that opened this morning in miami beach florida and is now a little past the midway point in this first session we heard a moment ago from john wayne actor john wayne who uh got more attention than anybody else here at this first session and eric severide and roger mudd i'm i'm

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eric severide and roger mudd i'm i'm kind of baffled about that i'll admit a little bit they the party here these are all pros in a sense in politics they heard from a fellow who captured the state house in florida for the republicans for the first time since reconstruction this morning they heard from a young man who beat his way through the jungle of young republican politics to the head of the young republicans they heard from the leading women in the national federation of republican women they gave them no attention at all wandered through the halls and talked throughout all of the speeches and yet for john wayne they paid undivided attention and applauded practically every one of his lines what do you make of walter are you talking to me oh yeah well i'll i throw the ball down there that was the first good speech we've had i think with actor john wayne even if it was done in sort of the aw shucks school of modern oratory but he can get by with that he's an actor and that it obviously was effective i was thinking of something else when someone was interviewing bill miller of new york there working for rockefeller here when he said that uh if it came to that rockefeller and reagan would not be incompatible people on the same ticket reagan is vice president you know one of the greatest students of american uh politics was the englishman lord bryce in the last century and he made some remarkably affected in uh sandy rooney out there for a year to a party and convention the nearer danger is the greater danger meaning that they're more worried about electing their men in november than whether they can really govern uh beginning in january and of course rockville and reagan are completely incompatible philosophically you could have a kind of situation uh where you people vote for a president something may happen to him in office and you can end up with a leader who is a totally opposite point of view of

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a totally opposite point of view of repudiation of the people's will that's one of the characteristics of that kind of push to get a winning combination no matter how strange it is it follows in all conventions but it seems to me another thing is the nature and the character of the delegates and modern conventions in this country the old tradition of abuse of them as sort of rabbits and clowns who come and have a good time and or are run by so-called machines bosses is really very much out of date this isn't henry menken's time a matter of fact every study made of these people i know if roger would agree who's maybe a little more cynical than i am about politics but every study made of them is that they are on the whole of higher and average intelligence and most voters are that they know they feel more about these candidates their philosophies and the system in general they work out at the year round full or part time nearly all of them [Music] and they really don't do a great deal of carousing here this is tough work they're up at five and six nearly all of them every morning early morning caucuses it goes almost all through the week that way i think myself they're a much underrated group of people there aren't very many real machines anymore the old terminology goes on a leader in the opposition party is a boss your leader is your leader all this thing goes on year after year but somehow there's a cultural lag here and the rhetoric the use of adjectives about politics is getting more and more out of date and i think we ought to invent a new terminology am i all am i too much to square about this no you're not square eric and uh i i am not uh really that cynical to think that that these people are just pawns i took a little tour a minute ago got one of the floor passes and just swung through some of the delegations just to watch what they were doing this preceded john wayne's speech so that before that their attention was divided it's very hard when you go out on the

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it's very hard when you go out on the floor and your delegate sit there to hear what's going on and just my little brief observation was that in the first hour or two of this convention most of these people are good looking well-dressed people healthy looking people using the opportunity as sort of a social gathering many were reading newspapers and studying the programs to see how far on or off schedule they were i spent a few minutes with bo callaway who is uh richard nixon's southern manager and uh watched his uh intelligence network operate they've got about nine floor whips on the floor for mr nixon dividing the floor up into regional areas bill brock the congressman from chattanooga is one of those floor whips and most of the talk in the georgia and the north carolina delegation and south carolina was about wallace that's all they think about wallace wallace wallace what will happen to the gop if wallace goes tearing through the south and takes from the republican party what uh could be a solid support for richard nixon they're very worried about it and they really don't know how to solve it have you talked to some of the uh leaders the big leaders of organized labor in this country there are a few down here like george many others talk the platform it isn't just wallace just in the south and with the so-called rednecks to use that old term it doesn't mean much anymore and it isn't just in the middle class of urban or lower medical it's also in the ranks of organized labor men who work with their hands industrial workers he's cutting in far more than people like me originally thought he would and they're considerably worried jim martin a former congressman from alabama who ran against lurleen wallace for the governorship was there and i talked briefly to him and he's as nervous as a cat on a hot tin roof he said he was in illinois a couple weeks ago and every little store every little

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and every little store every little dime store drugstore hotel employee their all for wallace and he said not just in the south but through the north there would be a 10 12 percent erosion by wallace that would you know there was a line really do the republican party in one modern philosopher talking about politics in a sense in this country wait for the back streets he said when these people lower middle class working people middle class who are silent most of the time when they begin to move the intellectuals wrapped to be swept aside i don't know what's going to happen this year anymore anybody else but we haven't had the voice of those people this great silent possible majority and wallace may be tapping much more settlement there than we dream exists just uh one more thing walter uh this first couple hours obviously is just being used by the

delegates and the three candidates intelligence networks to check out their equipment it's also giving the television boys chance to check out theirs and everything seems to be working considering the circumstances i'm glad to have your vote of confidence roger uh so far it has indeed you're absolutely right right now senator jacob javits of new york the state's liberal senator is speaking on the revitalization of urban america even as governor norbert tiemann earlier today from nebraska talked to the revitalization of rural america here's jacob chapman and the question is will we act adequately and in time or will we drift into that division of our society one black and one white which is the terrible premonition made for all of us by the president's commission on civil disorders my friends i conclude with you as follows this is not the politics of joy time is running out on all of us shall we proceed as we are now risking

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shall we proceed as we are now risking tyranny and even revolution from a minority and there are extremists who threaten such revolution or will the majority do what must be done to reunify this nation and there is yet another danger and it comes from those who would repress the disadvantaged and the disenfranchised without regard to their claims for justice on our society and this too is a tyranny and not freedom both of these tyrannies that of the minority and that of the majority are equally unacceptable to our party and to our nation for republicans this is a fundamental watershed whatever we may think of ourselves we have not been thought of by many americans for some time as being the best able to deal with the urban problem that challenge we must now meet and i think we're in a splendid position to do so and to do so we must practice the new politics of reconciliation and not the politics of repression this is a time for leadership by us and not a time for heeding the special pleated my friends i have labored long in the vineyards of this party i have lived all my life in the cities and i am myself a child of the slums i have looked forward for years to this day which i believe is now at hand when to be a republican means to be committed to binding up the wounds of our people and to uniting them and to making the cities a serene and a majestic place in which to live and so and so when the question is asked where of me and of so many other millions of republicans who live in our great cities and want very much to do something about them and feel that our party has the unique attractiveness and the unique gifts and assets especially in the confidence of the business system of the united states to do what must be

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of the united states to do what must be done when the question is asked where was your party when this country survived its crisis in the cities i want to be able to say we republicans had the will we republicans made the commitment in 1968 we republicans led the battle and we republicans because we will win in 68 were successful in solving this monumental american crisis thank you very much uh senator javits spoke to the convention in his native city richard nixon was making his last appearance in his adopted home before coming down to this convention city tonight he took time out in days that are these faithful to him right before the voting to appear in federal court in new york city on behalf of two employees of his fifth avenue apartment manuel and josepha sanchez who are seeking american citizenship were appearing before the immigration authorities and nixon appeared as a character witness for them there out in the corridor here at the convention hall even as jack javits talked about the problem of the cities dan rather was with one of the 26 negro delegates to this republican convention 26 out of 1333 and dan come in walter the lone negro delegate from the state of kansas which has 20 delegate votes at this convention mr charles scott who's an attorney from topeka kansas mr scott uh first of all how did you get to be a delegate to this convention well i was elected by the state convention and it's always been a long time policy of the state of kansas to always have one negro to be a delegate in the uh overall delegation isn't that what the militants call tokenism well i don't know whether we call it tokenism we'd sure like to have it changed if it is tokenism you would certainly like to be uh selected on your merits rather than

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selected on your merits rather than based upon the criteria race but this is where this has been a long time policy and it remains the policy of the of the kansas republican party to have at least one negro in the delegation each time and an alternate right and the alternate is mr price water in this water right you are for whom at this convention i have committed myself to rockefeller unequivocally with rockefeller and i don't hesitate to tell anybody that but why are you for rockefeller well because i share his views about uh government and particularly his uh views toward racial minorities and that which he has expressed many times about how he can help the black community and being a part of that segment well then certainly i would be most interested in it and i feel that he's a winner and he will certainly attract the vote of the black uh community as well as other racial minorities well what attracts you to nelson rockefeller as a negro you said you think that he would have the best approach to the racial issue what approach well based upon his uh family background they've always been committed to helping uh the disadvantage in which uh uh which it definitely includes the uh the black people the families contributed to our institutions of higher learning down through the years and certainly this is a part of his nature and i think certainly he's carried this over into his administration in new york it's the general assumption in fact it is a political fact that at least in the last election most negroes voted democratic why have you stuck with the republican party well we feel that one day that we're going to get a proper candidate that would project the true image of the republican party we didn't have it in 1964 through bear goldwater and of course you know you're familiar with the statistics of that particular of that particular presidential race very quickly mr scott how do you expect the kansas delegation to vote well right now we stand uh there's been speculation however that we are 13 for rockefeller and then perhaps there's about three for nixon and others uncommitted that's the way it appears right now walter charles scott the lone negro delegate from the state of kansas and then

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the state of kansas and then the first session of the convention came to an end even as you were interviewing mr scott with a right on schedule or even a little ahead of schedule the original estimate was that this session might run to 12 30. ray bliss who got it started right on the dot of 10 o'clock this morning almost ended right on the dot of noon two minutes afternoon the convention's first session uh was gaveled to an end they're to meet again at 8 p.m tonight we'll give you a little preview of what is to happen tonight and a look around at the convention city and how the delegate fight stands uh in this next few minutes until before we leave the air we told you let's see roger mud is available right now let's come in roger i i wasn't available for much walter i just wanted to add to that little interview with mr scott from kansas that that senator frank carlson is going to be nominated as a favorite son you know he's retiring this year of along with six or seven other republican senators and the republican organization in kansas is going to nominate him just as a tribute and i saw the senator on the floor and uh kidded him a minute about his uh his nomination and he said well i told my friends that the republican convention could do a lot worse than nominating me and they probably will thank you roger cbs news color coverage of campaign 68 will continue in a moment after this pause for station identification this is cbs

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[Music] this is walter cronkite back at our cbs news anchor post for the republican national convention we just been through the first session of this convention which went exactly as planned no surprises and none were expected and surprises are ever expected the program went off precisely on schedule a great tribute to national committee chairman ray bliss it's unheard of unprecedented none of the people in this hall have ever heard of a convention gaveling to order at the moment when it was predicted it would as a matter of fact terry reisner and i lost a couple of bets this morning on the time when the convention would start and we were way way off tonight's session the opening night time session with the convention skillfully playing to the larger television audience at that hour of the day will present some of the leading luminaries of the republican party former president dwight david eisenhower the last republican president the only one in almost 40 years will address the convention from his uh bedside at walter reed hospital from his

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hospital from his hospital room there where he is recovering from his recent heart attack he will talk to the convention the honorable edward brooke of the united states senator from massachusetts first negro senator from that state since reconstruction first negro senator in the senate since reconstruction the temporary chairman will have a few remarks to address to the convention honorable barry goldwater the former senator from arizona who carried this party's banner into the 1964 campaign we'll speak to the convention tonight as well mayor lindsay one of the most popular young luminaries on the republican scene mayor lindsay of new york will introduce the keynote speaker young governor dan evans of the state of washington tonight that is the order of business tonight there is no official business for the evening session all of these speeches to be gotten out of the way but some of the more important ones uh to come to the republican convention before it gets into the business of approving the platform and nominating its candidates for 1968. bill stout is with the former senator from massachusetts eleventh salton star bill yes walter this is of course leverett salt install a man i'm sure you know quite well from conventions past senator what do you think is happening this year that's different or is it all as they say well i think that i think when you put it that way that the more preliminary uh efforts have been put in these gallup polls and harris polls and so on that to influence the delegates i think there's more of that a greater more than i've ever seen before do you think it's worked in influencing them well i i'll answer your that question more accurately on wednesday how do you feel going into the vote well we are in massachusetts we're committed to vote for mr rockefeller on the first ballot if there is a second

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on the first ballot if there is a second ballot then we're free to vote our preferences and i think the massachusetts delegation will be fairly well split between rockefeller and nixon what do you think is going to happen how does it feel to you drawing on years of experience in these things well you mean on the convention itself well i i think that it looks as though mr nixon had it pretty well sewed up now whether he has or not i don't know but i think the general feeling around is more certain now i went through the 52 convention with eisenhower and top and the 40 convention with uh wilkie and dewey and taft and there of course the terrific excitement right up to the end but here of course nixon with his big lead has to fight off people being taken away from him where he's the leader you you don't feel the same kind of excitement then not yet i think by wednesday evening there'll be plenty of excitement around here with regan and rockefeller and nixon well thank you very much sir we'll have to wait to see about that now let's go to joe betty with clifford case in new jersey thank you bill stott senator clifford case of new jersey is uh one of those men who is going to be nominated as a favorite son and has very often said that he doesn't have the talent for that sort of thing but he's going to do it to keep his party together in new jersey what specifically uh is is threatening your party right now your delegation well the delegation uh well let me let me go back to about about a year ago i i decided that with whatever responsibility i had it might be a good idea if new jersey for the first time tried to exercise its full strength in the coming convention and so i've been working on this proposition we in the past we've been pulled every which way and have been regarded as an easy prey for uh people seeking a number of people outside i thought that jersey was entitled to something better than that we're the eighth largest state we've got the largest delegation with 40 solid votes if they can count as they should count

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if they can count as they should count for a kind of candidate whom jersey as a whole can support they'll be performing their real function so we started out and i think a meeting just a sunday night uh confirmed what we have been trying to do for a long time keep our delegation together uh attempt to be uncommitted to to be uncommitted at least until the balloting starts then make up our minds where we should go but the favorite sun business is a is a very pleasant recognition but i'm not seriously a candidate for the presidency uh and and uh it isn't that i don't regard it as a great honor but to tell the honest truth i have the best job in the world as a member of the united states senate but senator isn't it true you're really holding for nelson rockefeller against richard nixon i i i've had my own view and still do that nelson rockefeller is the strongest candidate as it now seems but that doesn't mean we're committed to him we have not endorsed him we're not playing his game we're playing the game not a game at all a serious business of being uncommitted to do our job uh which has delegates which i think doesn't mean coming down here just to pull a lever on a pre-

predetermined choice but to bank up our minds in collective judgment at the convention but one of governor rockefeller's strongest man on this floor is governor chaffee of rhode island now i saw him over with your delegation shaking hands uh warming their hearts so to speak to i got the impression he was trying to make sure that they stay those who are committed in their hearts at least to nelson rockefeller that they stay with them as long as they can i bet you would find uh governor uh reagan's representatives or maybe the governor himself and also uh dick nixon's representatives and maybe the uh the vice president himself doing the same kind of thing if you just happen to be along at another moment is there any danger that new jersey may get caught out on a limb and not be with a winner this year they weren't the last time i i i this is a kind of this is one way of expressing the threat if you don't get on the bandwagon you'll be run over there isn't any such thing at all that's a technique of of somebody trying to to to steamroller people into making premature decisions

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people into making premature decisions and by calling these things bad names uh people are not gonna get uh new jersey you're panicked new jersey wants to make its mind the basis of the best thing for the country and for the state uh in its own way and that's what it's gonna do thank you very much senator case senator clifford case of new jersey who is going to be nominated as a favorite son by his delegation in an effort to hold his delegation to an uncommitted position on the first ballot joseph andy from the core of the convention joe don't go away yes uh i want to use you as a model for a moment all right you all look kind of uh heavy out there and we don't want all of your fans across the nation to think that you've gained weight on the pastrami in in miami beach model that vest you're wearing will you oh communications equipment right senator case i have to do a modeling job right now to show uh thank you goodbye uh well it's it's really uh a difficult thing to explain walter simply because it's uh because you don't know well it's all hidden from view but here in this pocket is a our transmitter and uh all of the audio that you're getting none of the video the video of course is coming from that camera but we have remote uh audio uh that's the voice that you hear coming from these microphones is being transmitted by this unit and this little black uh tag here is the antenna and then on this side is the power pack and the receiving unit for uh listening to you listening to the programming that's going on over the air and listening to our producers and directors as they tell us where to go and what to do is it very heavy joe yes uh did i uh sufficiently model that for you walter yeah is it very heavy and no it's not too heavy and the rest of this stuff is all uh is all uh information that i picked up along the way and that of course adds to the bulk back here uh walter i've been told that bill stout is uh with governor chafee now of rhode island so we're going to throw it over to him joe governor chafee was just mentioned by joe betty as one who was doing a bit of what they call working the floor for rockefeller presumably

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the floor for rockefeller presumably today what did you find out what do they say well i think the people that i have a certain list of people to talk to and the people i have talked to indicate a real enthusiasm for nelson rockville now that doesn't say that everyone i'm going to vote for him the first ballot but the people i've talked to say yes we think he is the strongest uh will run the strongest in our state and where they present problems they'll usually say well my organization my county chairman or the state committee seems more toward nixon so i've got some difficult problems in that situation but they feel each of them i've talked to so far have said that nelson rockwell is the strongest candidate of course the immediate practical problem seems to be one of breaking down this mountain of delegates the nixon people shipped into town even before the convention opened how are you doing in that regard well i think it's a slow process i'm not saying that uh that we're going to pick up the paper tomorrow and read a hundred dollar gates have shifted because we're not i think this is a step by step somebody once said no point in sliding into second until you get on first uh what we've got to do is make sure that uh nixon according doesn't get it on the first ballot which i'm confident he won't and then we go on we pick up more speed in the second ballot and then we're on our way you are confident he won't make it in the first place yes i am can you guess as to numbers no i don't want to guess the numbers i mean uh uh i'm i've heard all sorts of figures around i suppose you've got uh experts that have got the counts which i have a few of them right here listening to you right now but you disagree with his

counts you think he's going to fall well enough short so that on the second ballot he can't simply pick up and go on with the same woman yeah i i do not think he will have that number of votes thank you very much governor thank you walter martin plsner who you mentioned there bill uh has been in charge of our delegate counting procedure for

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delegate counting procedure for many months now doing an excellent job we know exactly how good a job when that first ballot roll call takes place but uh interesting anecdote in that one of the campaign managers for one of the leading candidates told me the other night he he asked really quite seriously almost plentifully he's asked if i could help him in any way i'm not in the business of helping candidates at all i told him so and he said well he had a little bit of a problem and as much as he'd been going to some of the delegates from areas where he was quite sure that none of the competing candidates had actually been had actually talked to any of these delegates and yet they were saying they were already pledged and he said well to whom are you pledged and the delegates were saying to cbs news because they had told martin plister and his diligent staff that they intended to vote for one candidate or another cbs news color coverage of campaign 68 the republican national convention in miami beach will continue in a moment okay okay i'll put mine up top here okay can i try it you sure can attaboy all right let's press it in there are we on the line yes good all right press on the bottom [Music] and a single day you can have a nice new room at your house too the new royal coat paneling system created by masonite corporation now at your building materials dealer

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now at your building materials dealer look for him in the yellow pages we've been giving ray bliss the national committee chairman credit for the dispatch with with with which affairs went this morning at the opening session the republican national convention sylvia westerman who is aiding us down at the podium tells us that part of that credit should go to george murphy the senator from california former actor who is in charge of he's the entertainment chairman but actually he's been working as sort of a bailiff for uh bliss there on the podium he's getting the speakers on seeing that they stay to their allotted time checking their speeches before they get there for that purpose he's cueing the orchestra to speed up the tempo or to stop and apparently is sort of the conductor of the convention and making it really uh sing eric severide walter you know uh as this thing has gone so far the whole feeling is that they're going to be no great surprises between now and the balloting until or unless one of the big delegations like ohio breaks they're going to be some i think some more minor surprises with a little excitement or whatever their final effect and one of them i've been told on very high authority is that general lucius clay who is chairman of the finance committee of the republican national committee is going to resign that post in order to come out publicly for governor rockefeller of new york probably he will do that today if this information is correct as i believe it to be remember he was our high commissioner in germany right after the war helped lay the whole substructure for the rebuilding of the new germany and has been in big business in this country ever since and the republican all through that's about it's the only possible surprise i can think of at the moment eric what influence do you think lucius clay has with these delegates

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clay has with these delegates with that i would think generally none but uh this would cause i think a considerable hiccuping within the ranks of the party organization nationally itself and give a little moral support to governor rockville at least it will be uh perhaps a little help in as an antidote to the expected announcement around 6 30 this evening by governor agnew of maryland which is so long anticipated now that it hardly will be any sort of surprise that he's going to go over to nixon on the other side it's certainly going to be a travesty in a way an irony isn't it eric if by chance that maryland delegation makes the difference the 12 or 14 15 16 votes whatever agnew can influence in the maryland delegation would make the difference as to this nomination or not that is if ag knew it held out could nixon have been stopped if that gets to be the story uh because it apparently was really almost solely because rockefeller did not pick up the

phone until ag knew that he was going to not run and had a great deal to do with it it embarrassed the governor with his own people and it is true that governor rockefeller frankly admitted his his omission there and he apologized all over the place he has gone to great lengths to try to make this up with governor again he's done the same with governor romney and michigan and just as importantly with mrs romney who was quite bitter about all that you know uh spiro agnew was so convinced that nelson rockefeller was going to announce his candidacy that he went to the trouble of inviting the baltimore annapolis and maryland press into his office his governor's office in annapolis to sit with him and watch him watch nelson rockefeller declare his candidacy and there with television cameras filming governor agnew watching rockefeller rockefeller announces he's not going to be a

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announces he's not going to be a candidate and there's ted agnew out on a limb 40 feet he's really never gotten over it politicians can be embarrassed but they must be embarrassed in public oh that's the worst the worst thing you can do to what he's not the only man convinced i lost ten dollars that day letting the rockstar put himself in the uh the uh problem also was that even if uh ted agnew has gotten over his peak by now he used the period when he was most offended and the trauma was most visible to make up with nixon and to talk with nixon and to apparently genuinely get into nixon's corner he likes him now this waller this this trauma that he went through interestingly enough corresponded with some racial violence in baltimore and during a a public meeting that the governor conducted he delivered that famous lecture to the negro militants in baltimore and the violence that swept through baltimore apparently so angered agnew and stiffened his opposition to the militants that this coincided with a general shift over to nixon perhaps no one's ever said publicly but perhaps thinking that nixon would be the candidate who would most agree with his suddenly found views on negro militancy you know these little personal things between leading politicians these are all men of great pride have sometimes affected american history considerably wasn't it 1916 that charles evans hughes republican candidate apparently snubbed hiram johnson california or johnson or his friends thought he had and go to see him and uh things happened under the california vote evans went hughes went to bed thinking been elected and finally been defeated by wilson i think it was 1916. well you know mike mansfield says the senate is made up of uh

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made up of uh 100 prima donnas and i remember robert kennedy said uh that uh the one quality that most senators shared in common was vanity vanity and that must not be offended publicly a little like a broadcaster's roger thank you gentlemen our latest delegate count at cbs indicates that nixon has picked up a couple of votes although they haven't advised me where they found those two extra votes in the nixon camp at any rate the figure now shows nixon 633 he needs 667 so that's just 34 short you see how important those few votes in maryland can be nixon or rockefeller that is people who tell cbs delegate counters that they could go either way still are counted as 50 nixon or reagan 47. well now if you take just half of those figures figure that half of those that say they could go either nixon or rockefeller or nixon or reagan go nixon he's over the top rockefeller would be 244 on our account reagan 153 favorite sons and others some 206. this afternoon while uh the convention itself is not in session awaiting the eight o'clock gavel tonight and from what we saw this morning we really rather expecting that on time the this afternoon there will be a busy search for delegates and committee meetings campaign 68 cbs news color coverage the republican national convention will continue in a moment you know there are 3 million prizes to be won in esso's new game it's called winning ticket not bad here's the sign we want you to tow ace now look it's all set new winning ticket three million prizes three chances to win every time you

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three chances to win every time you drive into a participating so station listen you're putting me on no i'm not first you play tigerino for cash second tigurama for prizes like oldsmobile vista cruisers and rca portable tv sets and third the tiger election sweepstakes now wait a minute just fill in your ballot and give it to your eso

dealer for a chance to win vista cruises with a thousand dollar bill in the glove compartment it'll never work sure it will look it's simple tigerino for cash megarama for prizes and the ballot sweepstakes entry for station wagons and cash i'm not talking about that it's that sign it's too long it'll never get off the ground well how many words will we have to cut out we understand that those two uh votes that uh cbs news is now putting over in the nixon column to make his total 633 come from alabama which is something of a blow to ronald reagan's hopes for the nomination and for stopping nixon along with rockefeller because the alabama delegation had been leaning a little bit toward reagan at least some members there and reagan had hoped to pick up considerable support but in a new poll this morning it gave nixon nine votes out of the alabama delegation whereas he had seven yesterday reagan dropped from nine to eight nixon or reagan dropped from 10 to nine the alabama delegation may be important for other reasons it was supposed to be one of the big states leading off a parade perhaps to reagan from the south it also uh was uh being asked by the reagan people to yield being the first to name called on the alphabetical call of the roll four nominations tonight to yield to california so california could put reagan in nomination as the first to be placed in nomination that's on wednesday night when valentine takes place and that will also indicate alabama's

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and that will also indicate alabama's yielding that perhaps reagan had made the big breakthrough in the south where he has to alabama's delegation is still trying to decide whether it will do that the nixon people in the delegation who seem to be in a slight majority are fighting against that they want to hold for nixon of course and don't want to leave that particular impression cbs news color coverage of the convention resumes with the cbs evening news which will be broadcast tonight at six o'clock eastern time and then at 6 30 eastern time i will be right back here in the anchor booth for the evening session of the republican national convention's first day this is walter cronkite good afternoon this has been campaign 68 cbs news live color coverage of the republican national convention from miami beach florida this is cbs

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